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MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE )  
IN A SURFACE MOUNT DEVICE )  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patents:

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The information is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Continued examination is requested and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for the Request for Continued Examination accompanies the present submission. Consideration and making of record in the application identified in the caption of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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